22. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a surface structure formed on an aluminum wheel for an automobile, said method comprising:

(a) coating a resin film on said aluminum wheel;

(b) forming a thin metal film ~~having a homogenous composition throughout a whole thickness of said thin metal film and~~ having a color similar to chrome on said resin film, wherein said thin metal film is made from a titanium-aluminum alloy containing 20-50% by weight of titanium and 80-50% by weight of aluminum formed by any one of cathode arc[[-type]] ion plating and sputtering using a ~~single~~ sintered target containing 20%-50% by weight of titanium and 80%-50% by weight of aluminum in a vacuum atmosphere; and

(c) coating a clear colored protective film on said thin metal film.

23. (Original) A method according to any one of claim 20, 21 and 22, wherein said resin film is coated by powder coating.

24.-29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to any one of claims 20, 21 and 22, wherein said thin metal film has a thickness of 0.03-1.0μm.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said clear protective film has a thickness of 5-20μm.

33. (Original) A method according to claim 22, wherein said clear colored protective film has a thickness of 20-40μm.

34. (Original) A method according to claim 22, wherein said clear colored protective film is made from a clear resin comprising a pigment or a dye.

35. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein said clear resin is selected from one ~~or more~~ of the group consisting of acryl-based, urethan-based and epoxy-based resins.

36. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein said pigment is selected from one ~~or more~~ of the group consisting of carbon-based, lead chromate-based, iron(II) ferrocyanide-based, cobalt-based, and chromium oxide-based pigments.

37. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein said pigment is selected from one ~~or more~~ of the group consisting of thren-based, quinacrine staining-based, isoindolinone-based, and metal complex pigments.

38. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein said dye is selected from one ~~or more~~ of the group consisting of an acid dye, a mordant dye, a basic dye, a disperse dye, an edible dye, a direct dye and a sulphur dye.